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**City Council Member Deb Sofield
Welcomes Vietnamese Delegation to Greenville**

Greenville, SC ... This evening, Council Member Deb Sofield will welcome twelve guests from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam who will spend the next four days exploring Greenville and the state of South Carolina with Ms. Sofield as their host. The delegation flew into Washington DC on Saturday, September 11, where they've been learning about the U.S. from a national perspective before arriving in Greenville today. The visit is sponsored by the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL), an organization that arranges foreign exchange visits to provide their members and guests a global perspective in the areas of culture, government and the economy.

Last year, Council Member Sofield traveled to Vietnam as a member of an ACYPL delegation. In reciprocation for her enriching experience in their country, Ms. Sofield has planned a full itinerary to introduce her guests to the business, cultural, political and educational opportunities in the state of South Carolina. Highlights of the delegation's visit include:

Thursday: A trip to Columbia, S.C.

- A tour of the Capitol Building

- Lunch with Mayor Bob Coble at the University of South Carolina.

- A tour of Fort Jackson with host for the day, Mr. Don Fowler – ACYPL alumnus

- An evening reception with S.C. legislators and ACYPL alumni

Friday: Tour of Greenville City Hall

- A tour of the Governors School for the Arts and Humanities

- A tour of the Furman University campus

- A tour of the BMW plant

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Saturday: Tour of the City of Greenville

A visit to Art in the Park

Lunch and visit to the Greenville Art Museum

Sunday: Delegation departs

Members of the delegation include those with a background in politics, journalism, public affairs, finance, and education. The group will be escorted by an ACYPL host and three Vietnamese representatives who will act as their interpreters and liaisons.

The delegation's visit to Greenville is part of a cultural exchange program made possible in part through a grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State. Additionally, local businesses and individuals have assisted with the underwriting of the visit by hosting dinner receptions for the delegation.

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